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In the spring of 1949, the owner of the farm joined Raxctaa's kolkhoz. Before joining the kolkhoz, the owner of the farm had 17 hectares of fertile land and kept six to seven cows and two horses, but in the kolkhoz he had only $\frac{1}{2}$ hectare of land for his own purposes and one cow. He also had some hogs, sheep, and poultry, but there was not enough food even for the cow, especially in the fall of 1950, due to the drought. For the one-half hectare of land the kolkhoznik had to deliver to the State 180 kg potatoes, 40 kg of meat for each hog, 300 liters of milk from the cow, 50 eggs from each hen, and wool from the sheep. In addition to these requirements, a kolkhoznik had to pay some taxes in cash; Also, taxes had to be paid for each fruit tree according to the number possessed by a kolkhoznik.

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In 1951 payment was one kg of grain for a working day and 1000 rubles 30 kopeks cash, due to be paid in January 1952, but not yet paid as of 27 April 1952.

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2. The following are some market prices which [] were typical for Bauska, Yelgava, and Sesava in 1950-1951:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price (in rubles)</u>
Cotton material for summer dress, poor quality	meter	9 rb
Woolen material for woman's dress	meter	19 rb and up
Woolen material for a woman's coat	meter	150 rb
Material for woman's coat, not pure wool	meter	90 rb
		If a kolkhoznik delivered wool from his own sheep to the factory, he had to pay, for the same material, only 25 rubles per meter.
Head scarf	-	36 rb
Suit case, wooden	-	115 rb
Suit case, pressed-paper material	-	about 50 rb
Brief case, leather	-	156 rb
Shoes, woman's, good quality	-	240 rb
Galoshes, woman's	-	35 rb
Galoshes, high	-	102 rb
Saddle boots, woman's, leather	-	500 rb
Gold ring with a stone	-	543 rb

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